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SUBJECT: M.P. KOIRALA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL  
REFORM

REF: KATHMANDU 5414

1. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW DECEMBER 18 EX-PRIME MINISTER  
M.P. KOIRALA, A BROTHER OF EXILED CONGRESS PARTY LEADER  
B.P. KOIRALA, EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE KING FOR  
PROMULGATING CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. KOIRALA'S STATEMENT  
OF SUPPORT, HOWEVER, WAS NOT AN OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT;  
HE SAID THAT THE HISTORY OF NEPAL SHOWS THAT NEPALESE PEOPLE  
"ALWAYS ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION GIVEN BY THEIR SOVEREIGN."  
KOIRALA ADDED THAT THE NEPALESE PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER DOUBT  
THE GOOD INTENTIONS OR WISDOM OF THE MONARCH AND SAID THAT  
THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS AN END IN ITSELF BUT  
ONLY A MEANS TO ACHIEVE PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KORALA BROKE FROM THE CONGRESS PARTY  
IN 1960, HE HAS LONG BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH LIBERAL REFORM OF  
THE SYSTEM AND AS SUCH HIS ENDORSEMENT WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE GIRI  
GOVERNMENT. KOIRALA IS NO LONGER ACTIVE IN POLITICAL  
CIRCLES BUT REMAINS AN INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN THE TERAJ AND  
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IS KNOWN TO MAINTAIN CONTACT NOT ONLY WITH HIS BROTHER IN

INDIA BUT ALSO WITH LIBERAL STUDENTS IN THE BIRATNAGAR  
AREA. HIS ENDORSEMENT OF REFORM, LIKE THAT OF OTHER  
EX-CONGRESS PARTY LEADERS, INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE  
INFLUENTIAL SEGMENT OF THE PRO-CONGRESS FORCES HAS  
DECIDED FOR THE MOMENT TO GO ALONG WITH THE KING'S PROGRAM.  
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